Lansky Pleads For Israeli Citizenship

JERUSALEM, June 8 (UPI) — The lawyer of reputed underworld boss Meyer Lansky pleaded with the high (supreme) court today to let his client become a citizen so he "can live out his life" in Israel.

The plea came two days after Lansky, 70, was indicted in Washington on charges of conspiring to evade federal income tax on money received from gamblers on junkets to a London gambling club.

Attorney Yorak Alroy, arguing Lansky's appeal against the government attempt to deny him citizenship because he allegedly is a "threat to the public safety," said "He is 70 years old and only wants to enjoy life here until his end."